

Notice of Allowability

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10/706,973

Examiner

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Art Unit

3765

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/3/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 14 November 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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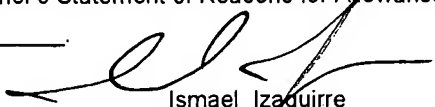
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 3/3/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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COMMENTS***Reasons For Allowance***

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claim 1 defines a method for forming a trim cover assembly for an automotive seat. The method is defined by the steps of providing a first cover material and a second cover material and a reinforcing material. Placing the second material on the reinforcing material and the first material over the second material. Aligning the edges of the three materials and sewing a first line of stitching. Cutting off a portion of the sewn connection so as to form a shortened sewn connection portion thus transforming said margin into a reduced margin. Turning over the reinforcing material in the direction to the reduced margin. Turning over the first cover material in the same direction so that the reverse side of the first cover material is placed on the reinforcing material with the shortened connection portion between the turned over first material and the reinforcing material. Sewing together both the first cover material and the reinforcing material along a given second sewing line, whereupon there are defined one sewn unit of the first cover material and the second cover material with the second seam being created on the outer side of the first cover material.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Pertinent Citations

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Kawasaki illustrates a sewing system for a car seat including sewing an anchor to the seat material and turning over the anchor and the anchor is secured to the frame of the seat. Harper illustrates a pair of several materials sewn and folded back upon themselves. Ho illustrates a couple of materials first sewn and then folded back upon themselves for sewing along a third stretchable material 12 and forming a second seam. Kami et al. Illustrate an air bag with materials sewn first and then folded back and sewn a second time (figure 3A). Abraham illustrates an air bag including panels sewn and folded relative to each other along as many as three lines of stitching.

INQUIRIES

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mr. Ismael Izaguirre located in CP2-4B18 whose telephone number is (703) 308-0892. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 9:30 to 6:00.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0861.



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